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AMENDMENT

This responds to the Office action dated August 16, 2006. Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3.

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